

IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 25th, 2002
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members in attendance:	Tribe Represented	Region Represented
Ms. Rosemary Nelson,	Cedarville/Alturas Reserv.	Northern
Mr. Joseph Saulque,	Benton Paiute Reserv.	East Central
Ms. Marjorie Mejia,	Lytton Rancheria	West Central
Mr. Dan Tatum,	Urban Representative	

IHS staff in attendance:

Ms. Margo Kerrigan,	Area Director
Mr. J. Paul Redeagle,	Deputy Area Director
Dr. Stephen Mader,	Chief Medical Officer(CMO)
Mr. Dennis Heffington,	ISDA Program Manager
Dr. Ralph Ettinger,	Psychologist Consultant

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Monday, February 25th at 9:00 a.m. In addition to the attendees listed above, this meeting was open to and attended by additional tribal and program leaders, California Area Indian Health Service (IHS) staff, and guests.

Ms. Kerrigan, CAIHS Area Director, opened the meeting with a welcome, introductions, and a brief overview of the budget formulation process.

By April 15th, the area will need to submit their recommendations for a 4% increase, \$115.366 million, which includes an accrual for retirement costs for the agency of \$2,884,143, and a 15% projection, \$400 million, of which \$72 million is earmarked for specific facility construction costs.

The CATAC, as the Budget Formulation Committee for the California Area, was asked to review the health priorities utilized in the CAO recommendations for FY 2003 and GPRA indicators for use in the FY 2004 budget recommendations. Usually three budgets are developed, a "needs based" budget and budgets reflecting projected increases of 35% and 45% over the previous year's budget. The CATAC present their recommendations

in detail to the California Tribes during the Annual Tribal Leader's meeting in March.

Mr. Joseph Saulque was selected as the California Area IHS representative to the National Budget Formulation Workgroup. Due to commitments necessary to serve the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Ms. Rachel Joseph, Chairperson, can no longer serve as the California Representative.

Budget Formulation - Dr. Mader, CMO, reviewed specific steps for the FY 2004 Budget Formulation Process for Area Budget Formulation Teams. These steps include reviewing health priorities, reviewing the needs-based budget, reviewing and refining IHS rules-based budget at 2 funding levels (4% and 15%), and recommending changes to performance measures (GPRA indicators)

Because no large increments of funding are anticipated during FY 2004, it was recommended the health priorities should remain the same as the ones submitted for the FY 2003 budget. The CATAC agreed to carry last year's needs-based budget forward for a 3rd year, and developed both rules-based budgets based upon health priorities and program expansion needs.

The following health priorities established for FY 2004 are the same as FY 2003:

- contract health services
- diabetes
- alcohol/substance abuse
- cancer
- heart disease

The current California Area GPRA indicators reflect these priorities. The IHS national performance report will require every area to report on each national indicator. The California area must develop a way to report on all national performance indicators now, linking performance data to the budget. The RPMS system must be improved in order to measure and collect required data for the IHS national indicators.

It was decided the proposed additional funding would be added in the following proportions to each line item for the 4% rules-based budget:

- contract health services (50%)
- Indian Health Care Improvement Fund (IHCIF) (20%)
- outpatient/ambulatory grants (15%)
- pay cost increase (15%)

The 15% rules-based budget would include the following proportions to each line item:

contract health services (50%)
IHCIF (18%)
outpatient/ambulatory grants (13%)
pay cost increase (13%)
environmental health/engineering (6%)

Mr. Edwin Fluette, Associate Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, made a presentation on the need to fund the Small Ambulatory Grant Program and the CATAC recommended changes to the proposed budget accordingly.

Planning for 2002 Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting - The preliminary draft agenda for the March 2002 Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting was reviewed. Several presenters still have not confirmed the details of their participation. As soon as confirmations are received the agenda will be finalized.

Next California Area Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting - The next meeting has not been scheduled pending the results of the elections to be held at the Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting.